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The attached chart shows the authorization levels established by P.L. 97-35 1/ and compares the House and Senate reconciliation bills for the vocational rehabilitation program. 2/ The Reconciliation Act continues the vocational rehabilitation service as a categorical program with separate statutory authority. The new act adopted the Senate-proposed funding cap of \$1,009,260,000 for FY 1982 and \$1,054,160,000 for FY 1983. The new law establishes identical authorization amounts for FY 1982 and FY 1983 except that the basic State grant program for FY 1983 will increase 5 percent over the FY 1982 amount.

The Administration had proposed that the vocational rehabilitation program be consolidated with 11 other social service programs into a block grant for administration by the States. Under the Administration's proposal, the total funding for FY 1982 for the block grant would have been reduced 25 percent below the FY 1981 amounts for the programs which were to have been consolidated. Because of the action taken during the reconciliation process, the vocational rehabilitation program will not be part of the social services block grant for FY 1982.

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1/ Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, signed by the President August 13, 1981.

2/ Includes programs with funds authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-112, as amended).

Major amendments to the rehabilitation program enacted by P.L. 97-35 include the following changes in authorization levels: 3/

Authorizations for--

- grants to States for vocational rehabilitation services will be increased 5 percent in FY 1982 and will increase an additional 5 percent in FY 1983;
- the National Institute of Handicapped Research will be increased 18 percent in FY 1982 and will remain at this level for FY 1983;
- projects with industry and business opportunities for handicapped individuals will be increased 52 percent for FY 1982 and will remain at this level for FY 1983;
- centers for independent living will be increased 8 percent in FY 1982 and will remain at this level for FY 1983; and
- training will be increased 18 percent for FY 1982 and will remain at this level for FY 1983.

The amounts shown on the following chart are the approved authorization levels for FY 1982. The appropriations process will determine the amounts available for expenditure. Amounts authorized for FY 1983 could be changed by next year's reconciliation process.

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3/ The percentage change presented is derived by comparing the final appropriation amount for FY 1981 with the approved authorization levels for FY 1982.

PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973--P.L. 93-112 AS AMENDED

	Funding Authorization	Basic Authority	Second Continuing Resolution 1981 P.L. 96-536	Final Appropriation 1981 P.L. 97-12	Proposed 1982 Authorizations		Proposed 1983 Authorizations		FY 1982 a/ P.L. 97-35
					House Bill H.R. 3982	Senate Bill S. 1377	House Bill H.R. 3982	Senate Bill S. 1377	
PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION									
State Allotments (Entitlements)									
• Basic State Grants	100(b)(1)	110	\$845,750,000	\$845,750,000	\$714,500,000	\$899,000,000	\$774,500,000	\$ 943,900,000	\$ 899,000,000
• Maintenance of Effort	100(b)(2)	110(b)(2)	8,509,000	8,509,000	9,900,000	such sums	10,800,000	such sums	d/ -0-
• Innovation and Expansion	100(b)(2)	120	-0-	-0-	-0-	such sums	-0-	such sums	-0-
Discretionary Service Projects									
• Client Assistance	112(a)	112(a)	3,500,000	2,800,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
• Special Projects for the Severely Disabled	310(a)	311	10,930,000	9,765,000	4,800,000	13,580,000	5,100,000	13,580,000	12,210,000
• Migratory Workers	310(b)	312	1,530,000	1,325,000	such sums	1,530,000	such sums	1,530,000	b/ 3,500,000
• Helen Keller Center	313(a)	313(a)	3,500,000	3,200,000	3,800,000	3,500,000	4,000,000	3,500,000	3,500,000
• Comprehensive Rehabilitation Centers	305(a)	305(a)	2,000,000	1,820,000	2,200,000	2,000,000	2,300,000	2,000,000	-0-
• Technical Assistance	12(d)	12(a)	250,000	230,000	such sums	250,000	such sums	250,000	250,000
• Projects with Industry	623	621	5,500,000	5,250,000	11,400,000	5,850,000	12,100,000	5,850,000	8,000,000 a/ -0-
• Evaluation	14(f)	14	2,000,000	1,820,000	2,200,000	650,000	2,300,000	650,000	-0-
• Service Grants to Indian Tribes	100(b)(3)	130	650,000	650,000	700,000	650,000	700,000	650,000	650,000
• Special Recreation (Construction)	310	311(a)(3)	1,000,000	1,000,000	b/	b/	b/	b/	b/
• Special Recreation (Activities)	310	316	2,000,000	2,000,000	b/	b/	b/	b/	2,000,000
• Construction of Rehabilitation Facilities	301	301	-0-	-0-	-0-	such sums	-0-	such sums	-0-
• Vocational Training for Handicapped Individuals	302	302	-0-	-0-	3,200,000	such sums	3,200,000	such sums	-0-
• Secretarial Responsibilities	506	506	-0-	-0-	300,000	such sums	300,000	such sums	-0-
• Independent Living Centers	741(a)	711	18,000,000	18,000,000	19,400,000	18,000,000	20,000,000	18,000,000	19,400,000
• Protection and Advocacy	741(c)	731	-0-	-0-	such sums	such sums	such sums	such sums	-0-
• Training	304(d)	304	25,500,000	21,675,000	27,400,000	25,500,000	29,300,000	25,500,000	25,500,000
PROGRAMS NOT ADMINISTERED BY THE REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION									
• National Institute for Handicapped Research	201(a)	202	35,000,000	29,750,000	38,000,000	35,000,000	40,500,000	35,000,000	35,000,000
• National Council on the Handicapped	400	405	256,000	205,000	300,000	256,000	300,000	256,000	256,000
• Information Clearinghouse	15(a)	15(d)	500,000	500,000	500,000	such sums	500,000	such sums	such sums c/ 256,000
• Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board	502(i)	502(a)	2,400,000	2,300,000	2,800,000	such sums	-0-	such sums	such sums
• Community Service Employment	617	611	-0-	-0-	-0-	such sums	-0-	such sums	-0-
TOTAL			\$968,775,000	\$956,549,000	\$844,900,000	\$1,009,266,000	\$909,400,000	\$1,054,166,000	\$1,009,266,000

a/ FY 1982 and FY 1983 amounts are identical except that the authorization for the basic State grants will be increased to \$963,900,000 for FY 1983.

b/ Included in section 310(a), special projects for the severely disabled.

c/ Funds to come from the Department of Education account for salaries and expenses.

d/ Funds for section 100(b)(2) are included in the basic State grants, section 100(b)(1).

e/ These funds are authorized for projects with industry, section 621, and for business opportunities for handicapped individuals, section 622.